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Mari Bras Govt. Out To Stop Boycott

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PONCE — Juan Mari Bras, secretary-general of the Pro Independence Movement, charged in a press conference yesterday that La Fortaleza has received orders from the Federal government to put a stop to the M.P.I.'s campaign for electoral boycott.

Mari Bras, claiming he obtained the information from an "unimpeachable source," accused the Commonwealth government of planning "a campaign of repression by legal means to comply with the alleged order from Washington."

The M.P.I. leader said that, according to his source, the Federal government intends to take case of the "repression campaign" by itself if the Commonwealth government does not.

Local Agents

His source, Mari Bras said, told him that the move is prompted by a report from local agents of the Central Intelligence Agency who have warned Washington of a considerable drop in poll turnout as a result of the M.P.I. campaign for voter abstention.

The C.I.A. report, Mari Bras continued, explains that the Statehood Republican Party will lose many votes and that many followers of the Popular Democratic Party will heed the M.P.I.'s abstention call.

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